Arizona Short-term Drought Status Repor February 2018

Northern and western Arizona remained extremely dry in February, leading to an expansion of Severe Drought (D2) across Coconino and Yavapai counties and into Mohave County.

The Navajo Nation has been especially hard hit by the dry winter conditions, and Extreme Drought (D3) was introduced in northern Apache County. The Navajo Nation issued a drought declaration at the end of February as stock ponds and watering holes are drying up and the prospects for a wet spring are dim.

February was much wetter than average in the southeastern counties, but not wet enough to alleviate their drought conditions.

(Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018) Arizona Valid 7 a.m. EST Drought Conditions (Percent Area) None D0-D4 D1-D4 D2-D4 D3-D4 D4 0.00 100.00 100.00 73.22 9.27 0.00 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 73.22 | 9.27 3 Month's Ago 0.00 100.00 73.10 2.05 0.00 Start of 0.00 100.00 100.00 28.66 0.00 0.00 Start of 45.38 54.62 10.69 0.00 0.00 One Year Ago 47.36 52.64 D0 Abnormally Dry D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought D2 Severe Drought The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summar for forecast statements. Deborah Bathke National Drought Mitigation Center

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D3 Extreme Drought

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